essential circumstance in the premises, or in taking down the data of the problem, must issue in a perplexing defect or fatal blunder in the result

There is nothing wonderful in the circumstance, that the theologians of nature have not, in their researches, seen the higher moral qualities of God; for they could not expect to find any traces of them in the territories which they have visited. When we wish to ascertain the moral character of a fellow-man, we look to something else than his mere works of mechanical and intellectual skill. These can exhibit nothing "but those qualities from which they have sprung—the ability of the hand or of the understanding ; and when we are bent on knowing his character, we inquire into the use which he makes of his talents, and of the products and results of them, *and generally into his conduct towards other beings, towards God and towards man. Our natural theologians have acquired about as enlarged and accurate a view of the higher perfections of the Divine Being, as they might obtain of the moral and religious character of an architect by inspecting the building which he had planned; of an artisan by examining the watch constructed by him ; or of a husbandman, by walking over the field which he has cultivated. A visit paid to the workshop of an ingenious mechanic may bring under our notice all the qualities of the fine workman; but meanwhile, we have no materials to guide us in forming an idea of his kindness or his integrity, his temperance or his godliness. In order to discover whether he possesses these qualities, we must inquire into the use which he makes of the fruits of his ingenuity; we must follow him into the busy market and the social circle, into his family and his closet. Now, if we would discover the infinitely glorious moral perfections of the Supreme Being, we must in like mariner enter other regions

than those into which the mere classifier of the laws of nature would conduct us. In investigating the laws of inanimate nature, we may expect to find—and we do find—innumerable traces of lofty intelligence ; in examining the different parts of the animal frame, wo may hope to find marks—arid we discover thorn in abundance—of that benevolence which makes the possessor delight in the happiness of sentient being; but if we would discover the justice arid holiness of God, anj the qualities which distinguish the righteous and benevolent Governor, we